Statement

Details of costs of energy generation from major non-conventional and conventional energy sources.

Part-A—Cost of Power Generation from Major Non-Conventional Energy Sources

Sl. No.	Programmes	Cost of Power Generation from non-conventional energy sources
1.	Biomass Gasifier	Rs. 1.95 per unit
2.	Biomass Combustion	Rs. 2.20 per unit
3.	Biomass Co-generation	Rs. 1.50—Rs. 2.25 per unit
4.	Small Hydro Power	Rs. 1.50—Rs. 2.25 per unit
5.	Wind Power	Rs. 2.00—Rs. 2.50 per unit
6.	Solar Power	Rs. 20.00 per unit

Part-B—Cost of Power Generation from Conventional Energy Sources

Sl. No.	Programmes	Cost of Power Generation from conventional sources
1.	Thermal Power Plants	Rs. 2.25—Rs. 3.78 per unit Rs.
2.	Hydro Power Projects	1.69 per unit Rs. 1.51 per unit
3.	Atomic Power Plant	

Privatisation of Power Grid Transmission Lines

1468. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been seriously considering privatisation of Power Grid Transmission lines and also those SEBs which are not working satisfactorily;
(b) if so, the details of such Power Grid transmission lines and SEBs which Government propose to privatise;

(c) whether corruption in power sector has also become rampant from top to bottom; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Electricity Laws (Amendment) Act, 1998 (Act No. 22 of 1998) recognizes transmission as a separate activity and provides for grant of transmission license to any person. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited as the Central Transmission Utility, has identified two proposed transmission lines namely 400 KV D/C Madurai—Trivandrum Line and 400 KV *S/C* Meramundali—Jeypore Line for private sector participation. The decisions in respect of transmission and distribution systems in the States sector have to be taken by the appropriate agencies in the States.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) However, a strong vigilance machinery exists in each public sector undertaking and other establishments under the Ministry of Power, to detect and deal with cases of corruption and suitable disciplinary action is taken wherever necessary.

Losses of SEBs

1469. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that income of various State Electricity Boards in the country is less in comparison to their capital investment and that assessment is around 18 percent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of loss being suffered by the State Electricity Boards; and

(d) if so, the amount of annual loss and the total subsidy being given by Government under the head of power?